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For:	EXERCISE DEVICE WITH CENTRALLY MOUNTED RESISTANCE ROD AND AUTOMATIC WEIGHT SELECTOR APPARATUS)	
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97

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Sir:

Please find, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(1), the enclosed Form PTO-1449 which contains a list of patents, publications, or other items that have come to the attention of one or more of the individuals designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c). The enclosed list of references is disclosed so as to fully comply with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

Statement of Relevance of References Listed
Unaccompanied by English Translation
Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3), the following concise explanation of the relevance of each listed reference that is not in the English language and unaccompanied by a translation into English is provided:

German Patent No. DE 2707550, Issued 08/24/1978: Exercise frame with spring loaded hinged lever – has motor driven lead-screw spindle for regulating spring force by remote control. The exercising frame (1) includes one or two hinged levers (3) which are operated by arm or leg movement. A tension spring (5) which is attached to the fixed frame support and the hinged lever provides the additional force that must be overcome when using the exercising frame.

The spring anchor point (7) on the hinged lever is carried by a screw spindle (8) which runs parallel with the spindle directly or by a flexible drive shaft (14). The person using the frame can then adjust the spring force without stopping the exercise by a remote control motor switch.

German Patent No. DE 3541980, Issued June 4, 1987: Body muscle exercise machine – has frame with spring-loaded lever, with threaded spindle and screw nut. The body exerciser consists of a frame to which is linked at least one lever which the user moves against the force of a spring (3). The spring tension is adjusted by a threaded spindle with screw nut and pivot mounted plates (6) on both sides.

The end of the spring (3) next to the screw nut fits into a movable bearing (9) joined to the screw nut. A shaft goes through the movable bearing (9) and has a roller bearing at each end resting against a plate (11) joined to both bearing-plates (6).

USE/ADVANTAGE – The threaded spindle of the body exercising machine is not stressed when the tension of the spring is altered.

East German Patent No. DD 242563, Issued 2/4/1987: **Muscle exercise machine – consists of powered and weighted levers with telescopic bar.** The muscle exercise machine has a powered lever and a weighted lever. At a relatively large distance from the point at which the powered lever is linked, and at a relatively short distance from where the weighted lever is linked, are jib arm firmly fixed.

Both jib arms extend towards the other lever and are connected by a coupling at their free ends. The free end of the powered lever is in the form of a telescopic bar, sliding a slide piece.

ADVANTAGE – The exercise machine is designed so that the exercise has to overcome a resistance by pulling or pushing a powered and weighted lever, with the mass of the weight being less than the force applied by the person.

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